be considered favourably as the waiting period in respect of each case was more than the prescribed maximum period of 4 years.

(e) PNB have reported that out of 7 cases, there are 2 cases where both parents have expired. However, the bank could not consider their cases for compassionate appointment favourably as the waiting period was more than 4 years.

Transfer of Officer Bearers of Officers' Association in Vijaya Bank

3180. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines/rules prescribed by Nationalised Banks regarding transfer of office bearers of Officers' Association;

(b) whether Vijaya Bank is following the guidelines/rules; if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons for the guidelines being not implemented; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As per Government guidelines, office bearers of the Officers' Association in the Nationalised Banks are not exempted from the general transfer policy of the bank and they are to be treated at par with others in the matter of postings and transfers.

(b) and (c) Vijaya Bank have reported that they have recently revised their transfer policy for officers and in terms of the same office bearers of Officers' Association are treated at par with other officers with regard to transfers and no protection is extended to them.

Appointment of Chairman, LIC

3181. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 26th July, 2000 regarding the appointment of Chairman of LIC;